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SUBJECT: SOMALI AMBASSADOR'S JANUARY 19 PRESS CONFERENCE

, IN PREPARED STATEMENT BEFORE JANUARY 19 PRESS
CONFERENCE, SOMALI AMBASSADOR ADDOU WELCOMED PRESIDENT

CARTER'S "SUGGESTION" FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA AND STATED GSDR READY FOR PEACE TALKS TO SETTLE OGADEN CONFLICT AT ANY TIME IN ANY APPROPRIATE PLACE. HE SAID PEOPLE OF WESTERN SOMALIA SHOULD BE GIVEN RIGHT TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE, ATTACKED ETHIOPIAN COLONIALISM, AND ACCUSED SOVIETS, CUBANS AND OTHERS SUCH AS EAST GERMANY, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY OF INTERNATIONALIZING CONFLICT. NO MENTION MADE OF PDRY. SOVIETS HAD SENT TO ETHIOPIA SEVERAL THOUSAND MILITARY PERSONNEL TOGETHER WITH OVER TEN THOUSAND CUBAN TROOPS (SIC). IN FACE OF SOVIET-INSPIRED INVASION PLAN, HE SAID, GSDR HAD INFORMED OAU CHAIRMAN OF THREAT TO EXISTENCE OF SOMALIA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE AND HAD APPEALED TO WESTERN AMBASSADORS TO HELP RESCUE SOMALIA.

2. DURING Q&A, ADDOU:

A) STATED USG POSITION ON MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP WAS THAT US WOULD NOT PROVIDE ARMS TO GSDR WHILE CONFLICT CONTINUED, NOT US WOULD NOT PROVIDE ARMS WHILE SOMALI FORCES REMAINED IN OGADEN;

B) CLAIMED SOVIET-SPONSORED INVASION WOULD TAKE PLACE IN "ONE TO THREE MONTHS";

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C) STATED THERE MIGHT BE ELEMENTS OF GSDR ARMED UNITS IN OGADEN, BUT THAT THESE ELEMENTS WERE ONLY THERE TO SUPPORT WESTERN SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT;

D) STATED KENYAN BORDER COVERED BY PERTINENT OAU PRINCIPLE ON POST-COLONIAL AFRICAN BOUNDARIES, BUT THAT ETHIOPIAN BORDER NOT COVERED SINCE IT EXISTING COLONIAL BORDER;

E) DUCKED QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER THE USG HAD LET DOWN GSDR BY FAILING TO IMPLEMENT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY ARMS;

F) DENIED ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN US OFFER IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY DEFENSIVE ARMS AND SUBSEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE OGADEN;

G) NOTED RECENT COMPLAINTS BY DJIBOUTI PRESIDENT HASSAN GOULED ABOUT EPMG EFFORTS TO DESTABILIZE DJIBOUTI;

H) STATED GSDR WOULD ACCEPT CEASEFIRE, OAU AND/OR UN FACTFINDING MISSION, AND PEACE TALKS WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS;

I) CLAIMED US REFUSAL TO SUPPLY ARMS TO EITHER SIDE WAS
UNDERSTANDABLE AND EVEN COMMENDABLE IN WAR BETWEEN TWO
AFRICAN STATES, BUT THAT PRESENT WAR WAS NO LONGER
AFRICAN CONFLICT;

J) STATED ISRAEL PLAYING MINOR ROLE IN CONFLICT, THAT
GSDR DID NOT WISH TO CRITICIZE GOI, BUT FAILED TO
UNDERSTAND ISRAEL ALLYING ITSELF WITH SOVIETS, CUBANS
AND LIBYANS; AND,

K) STATED HIS PRESS CONFERENCE WAS A RESPONSE TO
PRESIDENT CARTER'S CALL FOR END TO OGADEN CONFLICT. CHRISTOPHER

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